

REMARKS

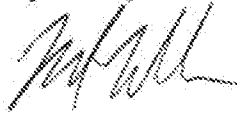
Claims 1 and 19 have been amended to address the rejected lodged under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In particular, claim 1 uses the language "reactive or nonreactive" at both locations identified in the office action; and claim 19 has been revised to use the terms "selected contact areas" and "reactive or nonreactive, pulverant, hot melt adhesive".

Claims 1, 4, 14-16, and 19 remain in the application and have been identified as being drawn to allowable subject matter.

In view of the amendments, the application should now be in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date is requested.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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